



the ARC Linkletter



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FROM DAVID CALHOUN, OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Governor Paterson has submitted a proposed **Deficit Reduction Plan (DRP)** in response to the severity of the current fiscal situation and the need to act expeditiously. The Governor's deficit projection for the current fiscal year is \$3.1 billion.

The Governor noted service cutbacks in other states and that 48 out of 50 states are now in deficit. He said that "not on my watch will the State go into default" and repeatedly characterized the State's deficit as historic and unprecedented.

Governor Paterson went on to underscore what he characterized as the State's very precarious cash flow position and potential inability to make large payments for STAR, to school districts, to non-profit providers and others. It appears that there is agreement among all of the parties that the State is experiencing severe fiscal problems that must be dealt with quickly (whether or not that happens); exactly how to achieve this will likely be another issue.

In defense of Governor Paterson's proposed Deficit Reduction Plan, his budget director, Bob Megna, issued the statement below. Mr. Megna's statement reads: "Unless action is taken to address New York's current-year budget deficit, our State government is likely to face significant cash-flow difficulties beginning in December. During that month, several substantial local assistance payments are scheduled to be made, including \$2.5 billion in STAR and \$1.6 billion in School Aid funding for school districts, \$500 million in funding for city governments, and \$500 million in funding for county governments, among others.

"Based on current revenue trends, the state may not have the resources necessary to make all of those expenditures. If no corrective action is taken, we will have to begin to make difficult choices about which payments to delay. These delays could create a trickledown effect on local governments and service providers across the state as those organizations continue to face similar cash-flow difficulties of their own. And if revenues further deteriorate beyond current projections, the State's cash-flow difficulties may become even more severe."

What does all this mean to us here at Wayne ARC? If the Governor's DRP moves forward without any changes from the Legislature our OMRDD programs will be cut by 5% for the remaining five months left in the New York state fiscal year. These cuts will equal about \$49,447.00 a month or a total of \$247,238.00 for those five months. The Governor's proposed annualized or yearly cuts to us would equal nearly 10% or \$1,186,743.00.

We all have worked hard to provide quality and meaningful services to our families and the individuals we serve to allow these cuts to go on without at least making our elected officials more knowledgeable of the impact these cuts will have on our programs and the people we serve. Please contact your local Senator and Assemblyman and ask them not to support the Governor's DRP. Let them know how damaging these cuts will be to our staff and that these cuts will place our most vulnerable citizens at risk.

Please refer to our website www.waynearc.org for contact information, sample letters, telephone call talking points and email information.

On a brighter note I hope that you can attend our Holiday Party on December 12th at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo. For additional information please see Tracy or Terri in Development. Please also try to attend one of the State of the Agency meetings this year on December 9th at RCC. I should have additional information on the State's financial situation at that time.

CONGRATULATIONS BRIGHT SPOT RECIPIENTS

Jill Stevenson	Jane Aubertine	Donna Miller	Rich Uticone
Laurie Hammond (2)	Nancy James	Stacey Jo Brown	Tina Hicks
Beth Strassell	Jill Pollack	Carrie Van Dusen	Sue Kell
Janice Gibala-Broxholm	Diane Madge	Martha Elmore	Tammy Bloomer
Joann Salerno	Carol Magee	Amy Downey	Kathy Sears
Colleen Gates	Cindy Neill	Casandra Grenon	Brenda Carr
Bethany Lancaster	Connie Hernandez	Myke Miller	Allison Campbell (2)
Michele Snyder	Alicia Armstrong	Nichole Wheeler	
Jessica Grass	Charlie DeBuyser (2)	Barb O'Bine	

Important Dates

Nov 11th - Veteran's Day

Nov 13th - Food Auction at 4pm in the Key Industries Cafeteria

Nov 26th & 27th - Agency closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 9th- State of the Agency Meeting held at RCC @ 9am & 3pm

Dec 4th- Key Industries consumer Christmas Party at Marbletown Fire Hall

Dec 11th- Food Auction at 4pm in the Key Industries Cafeteria

Dec 12th - Agency Holiday Party at the Waterloo Holiday Inn

Dec 24th & 25th - Agency closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday

Jan 1st- Agency closed in observance of New Years Day

Jan 18th - Agency closed in observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday



Please submit entries for the next Linkletter no later than January 4th to Terri Skinner via email at skinnert@waynearc.org



ACROSS THE CANAL...

Roosevelt's annual Open House was held on Wednesday October 21. We had a great turn out of parents, grandparents and siblings. Our students love showing their families all the fun and exciting things they do in school.

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was also held the week of October 19 and was open during open house. Thank you to all the families who bought books for their children or donated books to our classrooms. Based on sales we received over \$900 in free books!!

Innisbrook Wraps realized a **net profit of \$2582.20**. Great job everybody! All proceeds from the fundraiser went to support the programs at RCC. Remember that you may still order merchandise on line at www.innisbrook.com. Our **school code is 109976**. We will receive credit for any orders placed on line even after the fundraiser is finished. Any questions please contact Terri Skinner at skinnert@waynearc.org or call 315-331-7741 ext 357



OUTSTANDING PERFORMER RECIPIENT

On Tuesday, September 29th Steven Bardmaker was recognized by NYSID as one of the 2009 Joslin Outstanding Performers of the Year. Steven received a check in the amount of \$250.00 and Certificate of Recognition for this accomplishment.

Wayne ARC hosted a reception of cake and punch at the canal side conference room at which time David Calhoun presented Steven with the check and the certificate.

Mischelle Nudd, Mickey Reynolds and Don Lewis combined forces to nominate Steven for this honor. Congratulations to Steven for this prestigious recognition.



VOLUNTEERS AT ROOSEVELT

We would like to welcome four interns serving at our Roosevelt site: Abigail Lyte, Maria Uribe, Brittany Pasquale, and Heather Popp.

We would also like to welcome our 14 Experiential Learners joining us at Roosevelt Children's Center from the Newark High School Advanced Child Psychology Classes. One of the goals for these students is to gain more on-going experience with young children. They will be interacting as helpers and/or buddies with the children during their placement. The students will be at Roosevelt once per week during October, November, December and January.

A MAN ON A MISSION

It is truly amazing to have a job where inspiration can be found all around us. Robert Buck works in Key Industries and is a resident at our High Street IRA. I recently had the pleasure of speaking to Robert, or Bob as he is known to many, about another non-profit organization he is involved with. Bob went to Pennsylvania on October 27th and 28th with his mom and Myrrh Ruiz, who is a staff member at High Street, to volunteer at Mission Central.

Mission Central is a non-profit organization which is the mission warehouse of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. With volunteers, they process United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) "Relief Kits" for use around the world, and provide all types of needed supplies to areas suffering after a natural disaster.

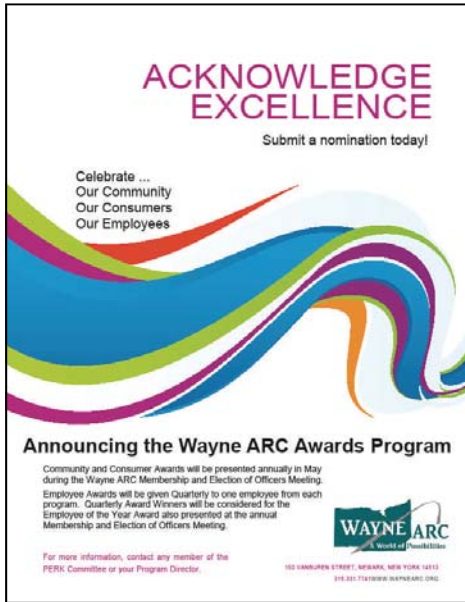
Bob and company stayed in an RV on site while at Mission Central. His time was spent using a hand truck to organize skids of donations.

"They find work for anybody who is there no matter what they can do." explained Bob. He said he would go every month if he could. Bob also told me "It makes me feel good when I go there." This was Bob's second trip to volunteer at Mission Central. He truly is an inspiration for all of us.





A REMINDER FROM THE PERK COMMITTEE



The PERK Committee would like to remind everyone to submit nominations for Employee of the Quarter.

The **Wayne ARC Awards Program** was created by the PERK Committee to **acknowledge excellence in the support from our community, the spirit of our consumers and the dedication of our staff.** Look for this poster at your program site.

The nomination forms are with this poster for easy access. Forms are yellow colored for Employee of the Quarter nomination form, white for the Consumer Award nomination form and green for the Community Award nomination form.

Submit a nomination today. **For more information, contact any member of the PERK Committee or your Program Director.**



WAYNE ARC BOTTLE REFUND-RAISER

Wayne ARC has opened a bottle drop-off account through **EZ Bottle and Can Return** located at **1167 East Union Street** in Newark. Our supporters can return bottles and cans to the above location anytime and **donate the nickels to our account.** Please help spread the word about our bottle and can fundraiser. EZ Bottle and Can Return never charges a fee for non-profit organizations so we receive 100% of donation.



COMING TOGETHER THE UNITED WAY

The **United Way of Wayne County and Wayne ARC** raised over \$7,000 at the 2nd Annual Canal Walk. The October 3rd event attracted more than 75 walkers to T. Spencer Knight Park. Monies raised from the event will benefit local United Way service providers and programs to ensure that the needs of the community are met.

Participants walked a 3.1 mile course starting at T. Spencer Knight Park in Newark to Whitbeck Road and back. Walkers arrived as early as 8:00 a.m. for registration to enjoy refreshments and breakfast. Several companies throughout the community sponsored the walk including food vendors and local agencies.

The United Way and Wayne ARC **would like to acknowledge Seana Freling as Top Fundraiser.** Seana raised over \$800. **Wayne ARC's MSC department were responsible for raising over \$500.00.** The winner of the Grand Prize 32" TV was Jedidiah Bodine.

Next year's event is planned for October 6, 2010. Planners of the walk would like to continue the tradition and get as many people involved as possible and make it a community wide event.

